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Safety Directive

Security of Offshore Installations and Facilities

The Marine Transportation Security Act under the authority of the Federal Minister of Transport applies to all vessels and facilities engaged in oil and gas activities offshore Nova Scotia. Pending the implementation of Regulations respecting the security of offshore installations, the CNSOPB following consultations with Transport Canada is issuing this directive to ensure that security issues in the Nova Scotia offshore area are addressed.

The CNSOPB expects that all Operators engaged in activities which are authorized by the CNSOPB will document and implement appropriate security measures as a necessary element of their safety plan.

In terms of specific measures for installations and vessels, the CNSOPB expects that all Convention vessels, including Mobile Offshore Drilling Units (MODU's), will hold valid International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) certificates and comply with the requirements of the ISPS Code. Non-convention MODU's and fixed production platforms will be expected to meet the objectives of American Petroleum Institute (API) Recommended Practice 70 I, Security for Worldwide Offshore Oil and Natural Gas Operations. Any potential interaction between non-ISPS certified vessels and installations should be addressed by documented procedures detailed in the Operators safety plan.

The CNSOPB hereby directs Operators to ensure that installations and vessels named on their Declaration of Operator are compliant with these security measures. Operators are also directed to provide the necessary level of support required to maintain this compliance throughout the lifecycle of any authorized work activity.

If you have any questions regarding this directive, please contact

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